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Acting Director of Public Works

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### **ALAMEDA CORRIDOR-EAST CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING-APRIL 28, 2008**

On April 28, 2008, my staff attended the regular Board meeting of the Alameda Corridor-East (ACE) Construction Authority. A copy of the April 28, 2008, agenda and adopted minutes of the March 24, 2008, regular Board meeting are attached. The following items were discussed at the meeting, which are of interest to the County.

**Agenda Item VI** – The Chief Executive Officer reported that the California Transportation Commission (CTC) held public hearings on April 9 and 10, 2008, and approved the list of projects to be funded from the Proposition 1B Trade Corridor Improvement Fund. The list of projects includes \$336.6 million for the San Gabriel Trench project. This project will separate at-grade rail crossings at Ramona Street, Mission Road, Del Mar Avenue, and San Gabriel Boulevard in the City of San Gabriel.

**Agenda Item VII** – The Board approved staff's recommendation to adopt several resolutions authorizing the commencement of eminent domain proceedings to acquire private commercial and residential properties required for the Baldwin Avenue Grade Separation project.

**Agenda Item VIII** – The Board approved the sale of 47,763 square feet of surplus property to the City of Pomona for \$653,000, which was acquired for the Reservoir Street Grade Separation project. Upon completion of the project, it became a surplus property. The City of Pomona will construct a water reclamation treatment plant at this site to supplement its public works facilities.

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**Agenda Item IX** – Staff reported that the current Phase I of their plan of improvements, which consist of various grade separation projects in the San Gabriel Valley, has been revised from \$489.6 million to \$495.8 million due to construction costs associated with design changes and site condition impacts.

The next Board meeting will be held on May 19, 2008, at 2 p.m., at the Irwindale City Hall Chambers.

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cc: Chief Executive Office (William T Fujioka, Lari Sheehan)  
Executive Office



## **Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority**

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### **ALAMEDA CORRIDOR-EAST CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING AGENDA "THE VILLAGE" 1460 EAST HOLT AVENUE SUITE 14 POMONA, CA MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2008 – 2:00 P.M.**

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Members of the public may comment on any item on the agenda at the time it is taken up by the Board. We ask that members of the public come forward to be recognized by the Chair and keep their remarks brief. If several persons wish to address the Board on a single item, the Chair may impose a three-minute time limit on individual remarks at the beginning of the discussion.

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| I.    | Roll Call and Introductions   |             |
| II.   | Pledge of Allegiance  |             |
| III.  | Approval of Minutes of Meeting of March 24, 2008 (Pages 1-4)  | Action      |
| IV.   | Public Comment  |             |
| V.    | Chairman's Remarks  | Information |
| VI.   | Chief Executive Officer's Report (Pages 5-23)   | Information |
| VII.  | Hearings on Resolutions of Necessity (Pages 24-89)  | Action      |
|       | No. 08-01 4237 Baldwin Avenue, El Monte, CA 91731   |             |
|       | No. 08-02 4116 Baldwin Avenue, El Monte, CA 91731   |             |
|       | No. 08-03 9960 Bessie Avenue, El Monte, CA 91731  |             |
|       | No. 08-04 10020 Bessie Avenue, El Monte, CA 91731   |             |
| VIII. | Approval of Sale of Surplus Property at the Reservoir Street Grade Separation Site to the City of Pomona (Page 90-92) | Action      |
| IX.   | Quarterly Project Status Report (Pages 93-109)  | Information |
| X.    | Quarterly Project Financial Report (Pages 110-115)  | Information |
| XI.   | Summary of Ballot Propositions 98 and 99 (Page 116)   | Information |

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The ACE Construction Authority is currently constituted of seven (7) member jurisdiction; the Cities of El Monte, Industry, Montebello, San Gabriel and Pomona, the County of Los Angeles and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments. A San Bernardino County Council of Governments representative is an ex-officio Board member.

Each member or alternate has one vote. A quorum of the ACE Construction Authority is no less than four (4) of its total voting membership. Actions taken by the ACE Construction Authority shall be by simple majority of the members present with a quorum in attendance except for personnel actions, the annual budget, matters dealing with the Administrative Code or matters requiring subsequent approval by the SGVCOG, all of which shall require five (5) votes.

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| XII.  | Closed Session: The Board will adjourn to closed session in accordance with Government Code Section 54956.9(c) to discuss potential initiation of litigation | Possible Action |
| XIII. | The Board will adjourn to the East End Avenue Grade Separation for a tour of the project   | Information     |
| XIV.  | Adjournment  | Action          |

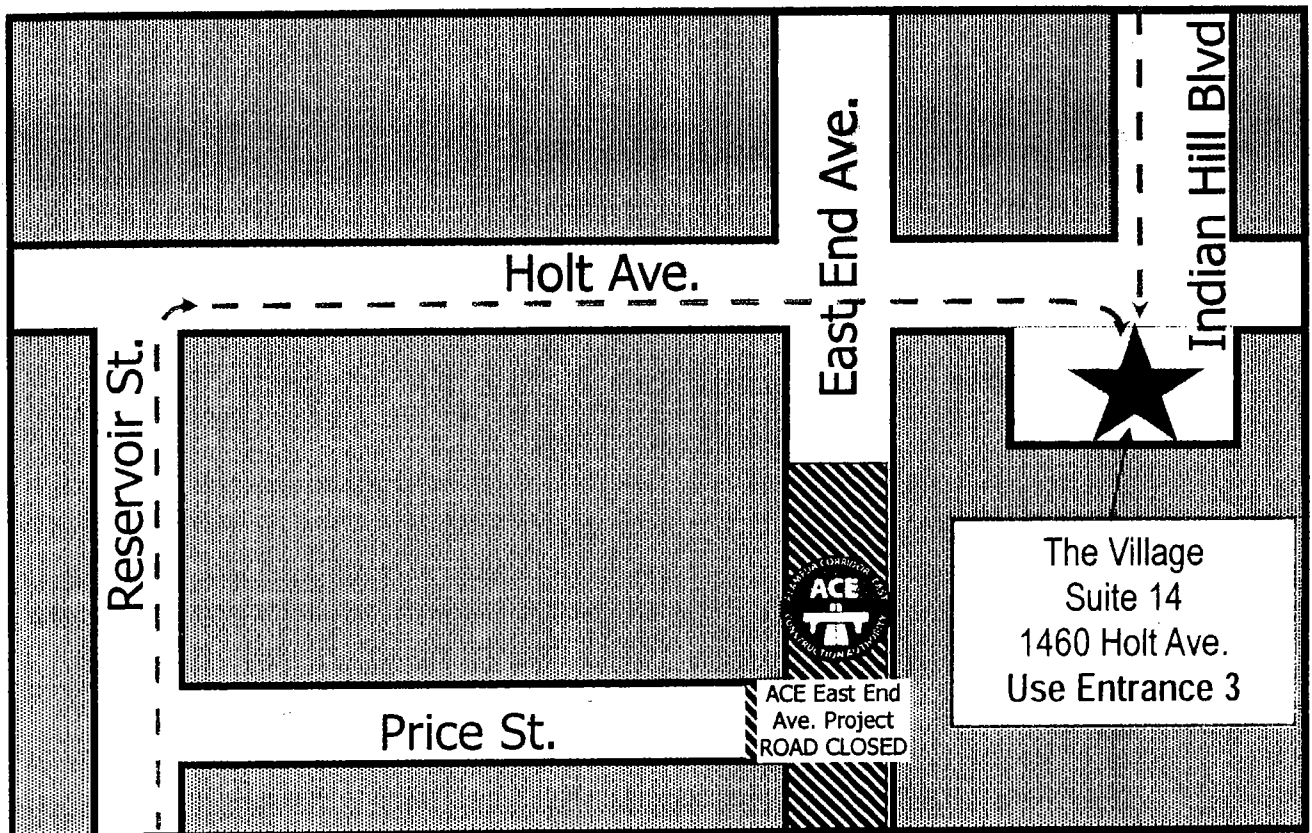
**Those interested in participating in the East End Avenue project tour, please wear adequate footwear (flat, hard-soled shoes). Other safety gear will be provided.**

# ACE Board of Directors Meeting

April 28, 2008

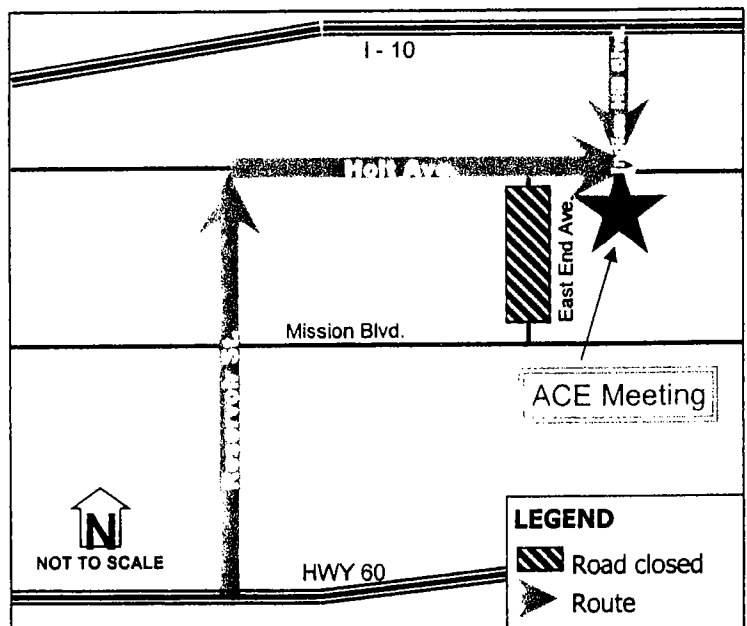
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1460 E. Holt Ave., Pomona, CA



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**South** on Indian Hill Blvd.  
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**Park** near Entrance 3

**FROM HWY 60**  
**Exit** on Reservoir St.  
**N** on Reservoir St.  
**R** on Holt Ave.  
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**ACE Construction Authority  
Board Meeting  
March 24, 2008 Minutes**

Chairman Gutierrez called the meeting to order at 2:01 PM in the Irwindale City Council Chambers, Irwindale California.

**1. In attendance were:**

George Hunter, Chairman  
Tim Spohn, Vice Chairman  
Ernest Gutierrez, El Monte  
Dave Spence, La Canada Flintridge, SGVCOG  
Harry Baldwin, San Gabriel  
Rosemarie Vasquez, Montebello  
Gloria Molina, Los Angeles County

Staff

Rick Richmond, Chief Executive Officer  
Joe Silvey, Legal Counsel  
Sharon Neely, staff  
Lou Cluster, staff  
Regina Talamantez, staff  
Cynthia Ambrose, staff  
Carlos Monroy, staff  
Deanna Stanley, staff

Guests

David Varnam, Congressman Gary Miller's office  
Donna Lee, Southern California Edison  
Enrique Alonso, Jacobs Engineering

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Vice Chairman Spohn led the pledge of allegiance.

**3. Approval of Minutes of February 25, 2008.**

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes of February 25, 2008.  
M/S/C: Gutierrez/Spohn/Unanimous

**4. Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**5. Chairman's Report**

Chairman Hunter thanked Vice Chair Spohn, members Gutierrez and Baldwin for participating in legislative meetings in Washington to represent ACE. Members Spohn and Baldwin indicated the meetings were informative and well received. Chairman Hunter reminded the Board of an upcoming dinner in Sacramento co-

hosted by Foothill Transit and the San Gabriel Valley COG on April 16 at the Firehouse restaurant. He indicated briefing appointments are scheduled beginning at 11AM and that members should confirm their attendance with staff.

#### **6. Chief Executive Officer's Report**

Rick Richmond updated the Board on the status of SB 974 (Lowenthal). He said that the bill is moving again in the new session with changes, seen as neither neutral nor positive by staff. He also indicated there has been nothing new on the CTC staff recommended \$336M Prop 1B program and the CTC will meet on April 9 and 10. Staff will keep the Board updated accordingly.

Senior Project Manager Regina Talamantez reviewed construction progress photos of the Brea Canyon Road grade separation project. Senior Project Manager Lou Cluster reviewed construction progress photos of the Ramona Blvd. East End Ave and Sunset Ave grade separation projects. George Nomura, Program Manager reviewed program management support tasks completed or ongoing over the past month.

#### **7. Approval of Additional Contingency Authorization for the Sunset Avenue Grade Separation**

Mr. Richmond reviewed the scope of work for the Sunset Avenue grade separation. He reminded the Board the project consisted of construction of a railroad bridge structure of 1.3 miles with a requirement to relocate a 1.5 miles of track to a shoofly track. The original contract was issued in November 2006. At 22% complete the project has had significant complications which have resulted in an unusually high number of change orders. Mr. Richmond reported the details of the issues with the Sunset Avenue project which included inadequate assumptions in site conditions and level of design, UPRR requirements and delays to the contractor. The matter was discussed at length. Mr. Richmond indicated he was hopeful all inadequacies were uncovered but because of the significant changes would provide the Board with more comprehensive quarterly updates on this project. It was also suggested by the Board a site visit would be appropriate and Mr. Richmond agreed to make arrangements for the Board to visit the Sunset Avenue grade separation project site as well as other construction projects.

A motion was made to authorize an additional 14% of the base contract value to approve future change orders on the Sunset Avenue grade separation project, resulting in a total contingency authorization of 24%.

M/S/C:Gutierrez/Baldwin/Unanimous

**8. Approval of Contract Amendment for PB Americas for Construction Management Services for the Temple Avenue Train Diversion**

Mr. Richmond reviewed the scope of work for the Temple Avenue train diversion project which was substantially completed in late 2007. He reminded the Board that included in the PB Americas' scope of work was surveying and testing. However, the Union Pacific required additional man-hours for surveying, compaction and settlement. The hours exceed the original negotiated amount by \$90,000.

A motion was made to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to amend the contract with PB Americas, Inc to add \$90,000 to Task Order #2 of the contract for construction management services associated with the Temple Avenue train diversion project, for a new task order value of \$2,285,950.

M/S/C/Gutierrez/Vasquez/Unanimous

**9. Approval of Assignment of Bechtel Program Management Subcontractors to ACE**

Mr. Richmond reviewed the history of the Bechtel program management contract. He indicated the Board approved the contract in 1999 for the life of the project with annual approvals of task orders. Within the program management contract were subcontracted services for various critical elements of the project. Those subcontracted services included: right of way acquisition, relocation specialists, railroad engineering, community outreach, environmental management and surveying and mapping. He indicated changing contractors at this point of the project was not a viable option but as funding becomes available, staff will conduct an analysis to determine if new procurements are warranted.

A motion was made to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute assignment agreements that would allow ACE to assume responsibility for eight Bechtel subcontractors to provide for continuity of the professional services currently provided by the subcontractor.

M/S/C/Baldwin/Gutierrez/Unanimous

**10. Approval to Add Nogales (LA Subdivision) Grade Separation into ACE Program**

Mr. Richmond reminded the Board that the completed Nogales Street grade separation at Valley and Nogales was less than a mile from the crossing at Nogales and Railroad (LA Subdivision), a heavily traveled access to the 60 freeway. He reported that three years ago staff was approached by the County to assist with design and engineering of the LA Subdivision Nogales Street grade separation. The designer of the Nogales Street (Alhambra line) grade separation



performed the services. The project's construction was initially to be done by the County until recently when the Authority was asked to assume responsibility for the project and fully incorporate it into the ACE Project. He reviewed the project definition and project costs. He highlighted the estimated project cost of \$70,250,000 done in January 2007 but stated it does not incorporate an adequate pump station. He indicated the conditions revealed an unusually high level of ground water which would require the pump to run consistently. He indicated contamination could potentially be another unaddressed issue which would not be known until construction. He reminded the Board that unlike other projects, 80% of the funding for this project was already secured and reviewed the status. He indicated the approval would be contingent on the transfer all funding to ACE and required approval by the COG board to be adopted into the ACE Program.

A motion was made to authorize the adoption of the Nogales Street grade separation (LA Subdivision) into the adopted Alameda Corridor-East Project, that ACE assume responsibility for its design, land acquisition and construction subject to approval of the transfer all of approved funding and approval of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments.  
M/S/C/Molina/Vasquez/Unanimous

**11. Approval of Revised Staffing Plan.**

Mr. Richmond indicated this was the last request to complete staffing as a result of the bringing program management in-house. He reported the two contracts and procurement positions requested were responsibilities currently performed by Bechtel staff.

A motion was made to approve to continue from the conversion from contracted in-house program management support through the authorization of two new staff positions for project management support.  
M/S/C/Vasquez/Baldwin/Unanimous

**12. The meeting was adjourned at 2:57PM .**